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SUBJECT: OPERATION CHANNELCAT

REF: MEXICO 9797

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, DOD (OASD/ISA) DIA AND USCG
HAVE MET TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO (A)
OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES IN MEXICO, (B) USG POSITION
ON GOM CLAIM TO 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, AND (C) USCGC
DURABLE INCIDENT OF ALLEGED VIOLATION OF MEXICAN TERRITOR-
IAL WATERS. RESULTS DISCUSSIONS WILL BE FORWARDED BY
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SEPARATE CABLE.

2. MEANWHILE, WITH REGARD TO PROBLEM POSED IN REFTEL REGARDING OPERATION CHANNELCAT USG NEITHER QUOTE RECOGNIZES UNQUOTE NOR QUOTE RESPECTS UNQUOTE MEXICO'S CLAIM TO 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, HENCE USG WILL NOT REQUEST GOM CLEARANCE TO ENTER 9 MILE CLAIMED AREA BEYOND RECOGNIZED 3 MILE LIMIT. USG DOES, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZE COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES OUT TO 12 MILES. FYI ONLY: USCG COMMANDERS CUSTOMARILY ISSUE FROM TIME TO TIME INSTRUCTIONS CONTROLLING ENTRY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES INTO FOREIGN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEA OF MORE THAN 3 MILES. SUCH INSTRUCTIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT FOR THE WATERS 3 TO 12 MILES OFF THE MEXICAN COAST, AND CUTTERS CURRENTLY DO NOT ENTER THAT AREA UNLESS THERE IS A SPECIFIC PURPOSE IN DOING SO. IN SOME CASES, ENTRANCE IS EFFECTED IMMEDIATELY ALONG WITH NOTIFICATION TO THE USCG DISTRICT COMMANDER. THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY NOT BE DIVULGED TO GOM OR OTHERS AS THE DE FACTO ACCOMMODATION OF MEXICO'S 12 MILE CLAIM IMPLIED THEREIN WOULD TEND TO UNDERCUT OUR CURRENT LOS POSITION. END FYI.

3. OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF OPERATION CHANNELCAT ADVISE THAT BULK OF SURVEILLANCE PATROL EFFORT WILL BE OFF US COAST BUT THAT SITUATIONS WILL PROBABLY DEVELOP WHICH REQUIRE USCG ACTION WITHIN CLAIMED MEXICAN TERRITORIAL SEA BEYOND 3 MILES. IF ASKED, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS THAT USCG CUTTERS MAY BE ENTERING AREA BETWEEN 3 AND 12 MILES OFF MEXICAN COAST FOR NATCOTICS CONTROL PURPOSES. USCG PLANS TO KEEP USDAO MEXICO CITY GENERALLY AWARE OF PROSPECTIVE AND ONGOING OPERATIONS BETWEEN 3 AND 12 MILES OFF MEXICAN COAST. EXCEPT WHEN MEXICAN COOPERATION IS SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT THIS INFORMATION FYI ONLY UNLESS IT IS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO SPECIFIC MEXICAN INQUIRY. NO PATTERN OF NOTICE SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. DEPT. IS AWARE OF GOM SENSITIVITIES CONCERNING US POSITION ON MEXICAN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEA, APPRECIATES DELICATE HANDLING THIS BY USDAO AND EMBASSY AND WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO PREPARE RESPONSES TO GOM QUESTIONS, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY BECAUSE OF LONGSTANDING COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS

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